

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
(OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)
(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

Intentions of Michelle Pock
 + Theodore Mendiola
 + Viterino Andrade
 + DaCosta & Tavares grandparents

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 (ST. LUCY)
8:00 am

+ Natal Baptista

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
(ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS)
5:00 pm
(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)
 + Noreen O'Brien

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)
 Intentions of Deacon Michael Folger

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
5:00 pm

+ José Brasil & Family
 + Bernadette Stark
 + Antonio Cabral
 + Laura Pinto
 + Eduardo Medeiros

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
9:00 am
 + Teresa Moniz

11:00 am
 - for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick Parish welcomes you.



C.W.L. CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

All ladies of the parish are invited to the C.W.L. Christmas Potluck Dinner on **Tuesday, December 12**. Please bring your place setting, a favorite dish to share and a wrapped bunko prize. Join the ladies at the 5 pm Mass; dinner will follow in the parish hall.



2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 offering envelopes are now available in the parish hall. Please be sure to take yours home with you as you leave Mass today. This will help us to free up much needed space in the parish hall.

LAMP OFFERING

December 10 - 16

December 17 - 23

SANCTUARY LAMP

Ints. of the Vaz Family

+ The Farrell Family

LADY ALTAR LAMP

+ Audrey Shannon

Intentions of Pope Francis

OFFERTORY

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Envelope Contributions	\$2,647.00
Loose Collection	\$ 625.95
EFT Donations	\$ 993.00
Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i>	\$4,265.95

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 16 & 17

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	B. Miller P. Cooper	D. Wylie J. Streppel	W. Francis M. Deska
Communion	C. Cooper A. Miller	J. Bui A. Sousa	B. O'Brien R. O'Brien

DECEMBER 10, 2023

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, The Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at St. Patrick's Parish following the 5 pm Mass on December 16 and the 9 and 11 am Masses on December 17. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home to Mass to be blessed.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the **FIRST GIFT** your family opens on Christmas morning, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.

THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The five precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum spiritual requirements of Catholics regarding the Church. They are as follows:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and remain free from work or activity that could impede the sanctification of such days.
2. **You shall confess your sins at least once a year.**
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In Canada, the holy days of obligation are the following: **every Sunday, Christmas Day (December 25) and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1).**

On holy days of obligation, the faithful gather to express the fact that the Church is not self-generated but is always called to worship by God. On that occasion, we come to hear the Word of God, take part in the Eucharist and give thanks to the Lord for having been incorporated into Christ. Therefore, one must take part in the celebration of Mass either on the same day or at the vigil Mass on the previous evening.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Tuesday	Married Couples
Wednesday	Cong. the Most Holy Redeemer
Thursday	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Friday	Rev. Charles Galea
Saturday	Rev. Robert Kiffman



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations are invited towards the flowers that will decorate our church and sanctuary during the Christmas season. Special envelopes are available at all three church doors. Donations may be placed in the collection basket during the weekend Masses. All donations must be received by **Sunday, December 17** in order that a list of memorial and thank offerings may be included in the Christmas bulletin.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

Before the beginning of the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass, the children of St. Patrick's Parish will be presenting the Nativity Play. Children ages 8 to 13 years of age will be asked to come to the front of the church and listen to the Christmas Story which will be narrated by children in the parish. Parents, please encourage your children to come forward when the announcement is made.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23 at 5 pm

Sunday, December 24 at 10 am only

Please note that these Masses fulfill the Sunday obligation only.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec. 24

5 pm (preceded by the Nativity play)

7 pm

9 pm (Incense will be used)

Christmas Day - Monday, Dec. 25

10 am - only (Incense will be used)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30 at 5 pm

Sunday, December 31 at 9 & 11 am

Please note that these Masses fulfill the Sunday obligation only.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve - Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5 pm

New Year's Day - Monday, Jan. 1 at 10 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6 at 5 pm (Incense will be used)

Sunday, January 7 at 9 & 11 am

Families who pray together, stay together!